

FACTS AND FIGURES RELATIVE SCHOOL BONDS

Taxes Would Be Less Next Year Than They Were This Year Under Increase In Valuation.

The voters of Baxter Springs will be called upon in a few days to decide by vote upon the question of issuing approximately \$100,000 in bonds for the erection of a new high school building. This matter is of the utmost consequence to the people of Baxter Springs.

The issuance of \$100,000 is no trivial matter in itself and it becomes very important when it is considered that upon it depends the welfare and education of the boys and girls of Baxter Springs, which cannot be overlooked.

There are big questions involved and the voters ought to know some of the facts relative to the present indebtedness and the tax levy to take care of a new bond issue:

At this time the bonded indebtedness of this school district is \$8,500. There is in the banks of Baxter and at the county treasurer's office at Columbus sufficient moneys on hand to pay off all of these bonds and money to spare. In fact these bonds will be liquidated in full on July 1, leaving the district entirely out of debt on the old building. In voting the new bonds the town has no other indebtedness to consider.

If \$100,000 in bonds is issued the bonds will draw 5 per cent interest, or \$5,000 per year so long as none of the bonds are paid. The bonds will be issued to run 20 years with the privilege of paying off any or all of them at any interest paying date. If a sinking fund is created sufficient to take care of the principal as it falls due each year the entire bond issue will be paid off by the levy at the end of the 20 years.

If this plan is adopted the district will have to raise \$10,000 the first year; \$9,750 the second year; \$9,500 the third year and so on down until the last year when the indebtedness would have decreased to \$5,250; which

would make an average of \$7,525 per year for the 20 years.

If these figures are not comprehensive let us put it another way: The valuation of the district at this time is something over \$3,020,000. This valuation means that the taxes amount to 33 cents on the thousand and for the first year if \$10,000 is raised and would grow annually less until the last year when the tax would have decreased to 17 cents a thousand as the last tax.

An important question naturally follows: Under the proposed bond issue would the taxes be higher next year than this year? The answer incorporates what may be a surprise to many: Last year on a valuation of a little over \$1,100,000 more than \$8,500 was raised to pay off the last of the old bonds. This cost the people of the district 80 cents a thousand, or 47 cents more on the thousand than they would be taxed next year under the proposed arrangement. Instead of paying 80 cents a thousand the tax payers would pay 33 cents.

Coupling with the presentation of these facts the obvious and pressing fact that there are hundreds of school children who could not be offered a place in our schools last year, every argument is in favor of the issuance of the bonds for a new building.

NO FIRE WORKS ALLOWED FOR FOURTH OF JULY

If the small boys of Kansas could vote it is likely that L. T. Hussey, state fire marshal, would have a poor chance of getting an elective office. He has just decreed that they cannot have any firecrackers on the Fourth of July this year. The ruling made by Mr. Hussey provides that no fireworks of any kind may be kept or taken within 1,000 feet of any building or any stacks of grain, which will practically bar fireworks from the cities and the farming sections, except in counties largely devoted to grazing cattle. The large pastures of such sections of the state might allow space for public demonstrations of fireworks.

The ruling will do away automatically with the fireworks demonstrations usually put on by the big fairs in the state, notably at Topeka and Hutchinson.

The ruling is made as a war measure, Mr. Hussey said in announcing it, because of the great importance of preventing the destruction of buildings, and more especially food, during the war. It is to remain in force as long as the war lasts.

FEDERAL AID GRANTED FOR SEVERAL MILES OF HIGHWAYS IN THE STATE

The Kansas highway commission yesterday granted federal aid on several Kansas roads. The petition from Sedgewick county for a brick road twenty feet wide, extended from the city of Wichita due south to the county line, a distance of eleven miles, was granted. This is a part of the Meridian Trail road.

Petitions were also granted to Rice county for federal aid over a road extending three miles from Sterling to the south line, to be a brick road eighteen feet wide; also a road extending five miles west from Lyons. This road is also to be of brick eighteen feet wide. Another road in Rice county given federal aid extends two and five sixteenths miles south of Lyons, to be a brick road eighteen feet wide.

The highway commission ordered the elimination of the following railroad crossings: Two Missouri Pacific crossings between Mankato and Jewell City in Jewell county; two Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific crossings west of Delvalle, on the Rock Island highway, in Norton county; two Union Pacific railroad crossings on the Golden Belt highway, between Chapman and Detroit, in Dickinson county; one A.

T. & S. F. crossing east of Attica, in Harper county.

The highway commission confirmed the appointment of Edward J. Cook, of Dodge City, to be county engineer of Chase county.

NEWS AND COMMENT

Have you beat the city marshal to your weeds?

Harry Barndollar's airplane stunt is "some little" innovation here.

Isn't it funny that so many people pronounce "bomb" like they do "bum."

"Dope fiends" seem to be prominent in local criminal news of recent date.

And now that you have subscribed to the Red Cross the subscriptions will test your patriotism in full payment.

Corb Sarchet is an ex-newspaper man and believes in printers ink. Mr. Sarchet believes in town advertising and believes in getting it on the outside and spends no little effort to get Baxter before middle west readers.

MEAT CAUSE OF KIDNEY TROUBLE

Take a glass of Salts if your Back hurts or Bladder bothers—Meat forms uric acid.

If you must have your meat every day, eat it, but flush your kidneys with salts occasionally, says a noted authority who tells us that meat forms uric acid which almost paralyzes the kidneys in their efforts to expel it from the blood. They become sluggish and weaken, then you suffer with a dull misery in the kidney region, sharp pains in the back or sick headache, dizziness, your stomach sour, tongue is coated and when the weather is bad you have rheumatic twinges. The urine gets cloudy, full of sediment, the channels often get sore and irritated, obliging you to seek relief two or three times during the night.

To neutralize these irritating acids, to cleanse the kidneys and flush off the body's urinous waste get four ounces of Jad Salts from any pharmacy here; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salts is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to flush and stimulate sluggish kidneys, also to neutralize the acids in urine, so it no longer irritates, thus ending bladder weakness.

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THE MINING NEWS

By Frank Hills
In Miami Record-Herald

A surprise was sprung on the new operators of the Old Perkins Mine in the Sunnyside field, on the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 31-29-24, west of the Wakahachie mill when they reached the bottom of the old field shaft. In digging out the mud that had accumulated in the years the mine has been closed the workmen found a can, which proved to be full of ore. Going deeper it was found that the can was resting on a truck and the truck was on the rails of a track that extended into a drift. Getting back into the drift the men found a pump that is worth \$250. Shovels, picks and steels, none of which are injured by their long hibernation, as the mud had sealed the shaft completely and the water had contained no element to seriously effect the metal. L. D. Kight, W. J. Morguiredge and C. I. Dorrance of Miami are the new owners of the lease. They have the mine cleaned out and are taking out a good quantity of ore. The Perkins was closed at a government order, when it was found that the operators were dealing with the Indian owner of the land otherwise than the method laid down by federal law.

The Anna Beaver Mining Company is erecting a new mill directly west of the one in operation which will be an exact duplicate of the first. The No. 2 plant is to be of 350 tons capacity and will be equipped with the skip hoist, which is only found in the Anna Beaver Mine in this district, and other up-to-date machinery. The new plant will be steam heated throughout and will be double boarded with paper between, doing away with the terrors of hard winters. The Dorr thickeners and the settling tanks will be covered to do away with freezing. One shaft is down through the ore in the new diggings and another will soon be sunk. The deep well has been connected with the water works and furnishes water to all of the buildings about the place which are entirely modern in every respect.

The Lucky Syndicate mill, which was burned to the ground last September, is to be rebuilt in a few days, according to the best authority obtainable. One of the shafts has been cleaned out and the drift opened from which the men are taking splendid ore, a great deal of which is free land. The Lucky Syndicate was one of the Moses-Marcum properties of 250 tons capacity and had never been run. Heroic work of employees and neighbors saved the smaller buildings. The concrete piers of the mill are still standing and it is thought they will be reinforced and used in the new structure.

The Palatine Lead and Zinc Mining Company, a corporation made up of Miami men, has begun operating in the Peoria field on two eighties, one in Section 34 and one in Section 35. Two holes put down on the tracts made good showings and more drilling is to be done as soon as the harvest is out of the way. The Palatine people also have a lease in the South field near a good strike and one in the vicinity of Seneca, which is thought to be a good one. The officers of the Palatine Lead and Zinc company are E. L. Warner, president; B. E. Thomas, vice president; F. C. Switzer, secretary, and J. C. Clayton, treasurer.

The Interurban line of the Southwestern Electric Railway Co., will reach the Whitebird Addition of the city of Picher Saturday, according to employees of that company. The steel has been laid to the end of the line and everything done except the ballasting which is being rushed with all possible speed. On account of an injunction gotten out by a certain mining company to keep the line from crossing its lands the end of the line will be in the Whitebird addition for the present although it is thought that it will soon be extended to the O. K. M. Railway Co.'s, track and that connection will be made with that line.

The Billikin Mining Company is installing a ten inch Texas pump in the old Newton Mine in the Sunnyside field east of the Red Eagle property. The Billikin people have built a mill on the property on the site of one that was moved away several years ago and the great talling pile makes it appear like a great producer which the first one was claimed to be. The water was what made it unprofitable in the old days when ore was low and royalties were high but the new management has prepared to handle the water, no matter how much there may be of it.

NO CHANCE TO EVADE BABY BONDS

Government To Have Card Index of Every Citizen When War Savings Campaign Closes

When the War Savings campaign, now in progress to place \$746,000 in baby bonds in this county, is at a close the United States government will have a card index of every citizen, not only in this city and county but in the entire country. The campaign comes to a close at midnight on June 28, provided the quota of this vicinity has been raised; otherwise the drive continues until the quota is raised; that is official orders from headquarters and in this campaign there is no such thing as a quota not being raised or pledged.

Every man must sign a pledge card on or before June 28, indicating how many baby bonds he will take each month between June 28 and January 1, 1919. This card is addressed personally to the Secretary of the United States treasury. Each citizen must show on the card the number of War Savings stamps he or the members of his family now own in addition to what they pledge to take during the next six months. In all probability the quota will amount to approximately \$20 per capita, which means that those who are able must take their limit of \$1,000 each.

If the purchaser of a baby bond holds it until maturity in 1923 it will accumulate by that time simple interest to the amount of practically four and one-half per cent. It draws four per cent, compounded quarterly which in the long run amounts to almost 4 1/2% interest, and at the same time the purchaser is practicing economy for himself and also loaning his money to the government for use in helping to win the war.

If you buy a \$5 baby bond in June it will cost you \$4.17. It will cost you \$4.18 in July, \$4.19 in August, \$4.20 in September, \$4.21 in October, \$4.22 in November and \$4.23 in December. When you sign a pledge card you promise to take a certain number of the baby bonds each month until the first of the coming year.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Trewatha have moved into the E. G. Gillem property on East Fifteenth St. Mr. Trewatha is the superintendent of the Vinegar Hill Mining company. Mr. and Mrs. Trewatha have been rooming but have shipped their furniture here from Michigan and will make their home in Baxter Springs.

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